

VIRGINIA STATE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

The Virginia State Loan Repayment Program (VA-SLRP) is a federal grant from the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA), Bureau of Health Professions and is administered by the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) Office of Health Equity (OHE). VA-SLRP grants participants educational loan repayment in exchange for at least two years of service in a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) in Virginia. For more information: <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/health-equity/VA-SLRP>

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Health care professionals trained in the following disciplines are eligible to apply to VA-SLRP: primary care physicians, dentists, nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, physician assistants, registered dental hygienists, psychiatric nurse specialists, mental health counselors, health service psychologists, licensed clinical social workers, licensed professional counselors, alcohol and abuse counselors (Masters level), marriage and family therapists, registered nurses, and pharmacists.

APPLICATION

Apply here beginning January 1, 2021:

<https://vdh.myoneflow.com/oneflow/weblogin.aspx>

VA-SLRP applications are accepted January 1-March 31 of each year.

CRITERIA

VA-SLRP participants must agree to serve at least two years initially, in a HPSA in Virginia as determined by HRSA. To locate Virginia's HPSAs by address, please visit: <https://data.hrsa.gov/tools/shortage-area>

VA-SLRP requires a community match. The initial service obligation is two years, and for that time, the maximum payment is \$100,000. An amount of \$50,000 is paid by the community/practice site in the first two years of the agreement and up to \$50,000 paid by the VASLRP Program. For the third and fourth renewal years, extensions can be awarded each year up to \$40,000 (\$20,000 VA-SLRP and \$20,000 community/practice site match). The Federal award amount will be determined by the amount provided by the participants' practice site cash match portion, availability of funds and VA-SLRP advisory committee. The total awards for all four years cannot exceed \$140,000 or the loan balance.

DO YOU LIVE & WORK IN THE TOBACCO REGION, OR PLAN TO? There are funds available specifically for you! In addition to meeting the VA-SLRP requirements, you must live & work in the Tobacco Region to qualify.

ARE YOU A MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDER? To be eligible for the Virginia Health Care Foundation (VHCF) match funds, recipients must be:

1. Eligible for the Virginia State Loan Repayment Program
2. Mental health professionals
3. Working in a health care safety net practice (free clinic, community health center, or similar organization)
4. Located in a mental health professional shortage area outside of the Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission.



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